

The Bulletin

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ACLU clarifies tax issue

By DEA GREISEN

Despite the numerous explanations of the requirements for MWC students to purchase city auto tags, state licenses, and pay personal property taxes on their automobiles which have been offered by newspaper accounts, the ACLU Report and the City Commissioner of Revenue, Alma Leitch, confusion on the issue persists. The recent announcement in the Bulletin by the Fredericksburg City Police Department that they would start enforcing the regulations as of January 29th created a wave of alarm among some students that if they did not rush out and buy a tag or two they would find a ticket on their automobile.

This article is an attempt to try once more to clarify the issue and to present the MWC Chapter of ACLU's position of the subject. In essence the situation is:

(1) City ordinances require that the owner of a vehicle which has been located in the city for a period of 6 months purchase a city tag.

(2) Virginia laws require the owner of a vehicle which has been located in Virginia for a period exceeding 6 months to purchase a Virginia license plate.

(3) The Attorney General has ruled that the owner of a vehicle can be assessed for personal property taxes by a locality if the vehicle was located in that locality for the greater part of the year.

There is an exception to the requirement for city tags—if a Virginia resident already has a current city or county tag from some other Virginia locality he or she does not have to purchase a city tag.

Those are the facts. What follows are opinions and ideas the ACLU has formulated by looking carefully at these regulations and by consulting with a state ACLU attorney which MWC students may or may not wish to consider. It is the opinion of state ACLU attorneys that a constitutional question is not involved in this issue and therefore, it would not fall into the realm of the kinds of suits that ACLU customarily handles. They also believe that an attorney would be hard put to convince a Virginia judge that parents who can afford to send their children out of the state to school and furnish them with an automobile cannot afford to pay taxes on that car in the school's locality. In this the attorneys are probably right. Still this does not mean that the laws in question as they are applied to a particular owner cannot be challenged in court by a private attorney. If this latter course is followed an attorney could argue in the case of a city tag violation that the vehicle has

not been in the city for a period of six months (if this is the situation of course). A student who brought an automobile to Fredericksburg for the first time beginning with the fall semester '72 would have until the 1st of March to purchase city tags under the six month rule. The same argument would apply to Virginia tags if the car had not been in the state for six months plus one day.

After March 1st the argument could be presented that since the student is a resident of some other city and state he or she could not be considered a resident of Fredericksburg, Virginia and therefore not subject to this requirement. In making this argument the student should be aware that some states have reciprocal agreements with Virginia, ie. Maryland, which allow a person subject to certain taxes in one state to be exempt from those taxes in the other state. This is comparable to the agreements between localities in Virginia that when city tags are purchased in one area they are exempt from ordinances requiring them in another area. Check to see if your state has such an agreement with Virginia.

One thing to take note of is if you purchase a city tag now or on March 1st (\$3.00) you will still have to buy a new 1973 tag (\$15.00) before April 15th. The new city tags go on sale March 15th; thus it is possible that if the student should remove the automobile from Fredericksburg before the six month period has expired and bring it back to the area buying city tags on or March 15th they would be spared the cost of buying two tags. Of course this would only save three dollars so it is probably not worth the effort.

If and when you do purchase Virginia license plates with the title fee costs it entails an important section in the Virginia Code may save you some money. Sec. 58-685.20 authorizes a tax credit against the cost of the title fee in the amount of the sales tax on the automobile at the time of its purchase. So if you can prove that you paid sales tax on the car in another state that much should be deducted from your bill.

As for the thorny issue of personal property taxes this requirement does not depend upon legal residence of the registered owner of the vehicle or the physical location of the car on January 1, 1973, however the six month rule does apply. You will be receiving the tax forms soon and will have until May 1st to comply. The advice we have received so far is that suits challenging this requirement are unlikely to succeed. Still it's a few months till May; the ACLU will inform MWC students if anything new develops in the meantime.

Pub Board Polls students

Tomorrow the MWC Publications Board will poll students here to determine their feelings about the proposed name change in the student newspaper.

Citing the militaristic nature of the present name as reason for change, members of the present Bulletin staff proposed the change at last Wednesday's Publications Board meeting. Since all college publications are student financed, Pub Board members chose to find out their feelings before making any decision.

Sarah Hopkins who as Senate Legislative Chairman serves on the board, volunteered the services of the student senate in distributing the polls Tuesday night. The polls will ask students whether they object to changing the present name which the newspaper has been known by for over 40 years, whether they would approve of the new suggested name, "Fifth Season" (see editorial on page three for explanation), and whether they have any ideas of their own for a new name if they like either the present name nor the proposed one. Space is also provided for student comments.

To draw opinion from alumnae, a notice of the proposed change will appear in the "Alumnae News". Pub Board members noted that no alumnae funds presently support any of the publications.

Present Bulletin staff members remain divided in their feelings about the delay in the name change. The four newspaper staff members attending the Pub

Board meeting who were not Board Members expressed the feeling that the matter was not seriously considered. Despite this, all but one of the staff members continue to write for the newspaper. Two weeks ago most of the staff withdrew from writing for the Bulletin when administrative authorities indicated that a name change must be approved by a committee representative of the student body, but at that time they could not indicate which committee was responsible.

The Publications Board was decided upon to rule on the name change because they delegate funds to MWC

publications therefore also assuming the role of publisher.

Earlier at the same meeting Grellet Simpson, MWC president, addressed the Board to give his interpretations of certain clauses in that committee's constitution which its members had questions about. As well, he outlined the history of the Pub Board and expressed his wish that it be a stronger "deleteritive and decision making body" a wish he felt "just didn't take place from the word go." Simpson cited forces "within and without" the Pub Board trying to weaken it as reasons for its failure.

honor case dismissed

By SUSAN BELTER

A fellow district court judge in Richmond has dismissed the suit brought against the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors by a former MWC student.

Judge Albert V. Bryan, Jr. dismissed

the suit, brought by Brenda Page Bright, on the grounds that no substantial federal question was involved. In her suit Bright claimed that the MWC Board of Visitors had no right to delegate the power of absolute dismissal to a student organization such as the Honor Council. She had earlier been dismissed from the school when the Honor Council had found her guilty of an on-campus theft from another student.

In December Judge Bryan had dismissed the case when Bright was offered reinstatement at the school. She filled out the form for readmission but was rejected because she refused to sign on the form that she would abide by the Honor Code. Therefore her lawyer decided to reopen the case. He applied for a temporary restraining order to permit Bright to enroll at MWC until the suit was settled. On January 16 Judge Robert Merhige denied a temporary restraining order because Judge Bryan was going to hear the suit in February. The same day attorneys for the Board of Visitors asked that the original dismissal of the case be activated. Judge Bryan agreed to hear the case January 22. At the hearing the attorneys for the Board of visitors argued that no substantial federal question was involved, that Bright had been offered restitution and had been aware of the Honor Code when she had enrolled at the college. Judge Bryan agreed with their argument and dismissed the case, but he noted that the question of delegation of power was still unresolved. Bright now can either let the dismissal of the case stand or take her suit to the state court or the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

college grads find employment up

(CPS) College graduates may no longer be threatened with the possibility of unemployment which has faced them for the past several years.

According to a recent survey by the College Placement Council, a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization, employment of college graduates increased by six percent last year. It is the first time in three years that an upward trend has been noted.

The employers surveyed reported that 47,600 graduates were hired as compared to the 45,000 hired the previous year. In 1969-70 there were 70,000 college graduates hired.

The survey found that the openings made most available to graduates were in merchandising, federal government, public accounting, banking-finance-insurance, chemicals and drugs, and state and local government.

The biggest percentage boosts in hiring activity were in research and consulting—88 percent, chemicals and drugs—52 percent, aerospace—43 percent, public accounting—37 percent, electrical machinery—32 percent, building materials and construction—27 percent.

Unemployment in the engineering profession, which had increased 3 percent in 1971, has now declined to less than 2 percent.

Employment prospects for graduating engineers are getting brighter says William M. Kays, dean of Stanford University's School of Engineering, and there may be a severe shortage of engineers by 1976, when demand may double the supply.

Kays noted that the publicity given engineering unemployment conditions to affect enrollments across the U.S. To counter the effects of such publicity, the Stanford Engineering School, under Kays' direction,

has begun a campaign to attract students to the profession.

The campaign will investigate alternate routes into engineering, which would introduce first year students into the program without stressing heavy commitment from the start.

Kays also notes a greater interest among students in environmental issues, with the result that enrollments in civil engineering, which is involved with many environmental problems, have held up better than in most areas.

Kays senses an increased interest among undergraduates in professional careers. According to two college placement directors questioned in the College Placement Council survey, seniors this year were more interested in finding employment than a year ago. This year's class was seen as being more practical in its job-hunting efforts and more aware of the reality of the depressed job market.

Liberal arts students, however, were said to be generally lacking in knowledge about the job market and the process of becoming part of it.

Employers today are more concerned with increased productivity and efficiency, says J. Dennis Ryan, placement director at Carnegie-Mellon University. They want more of a demonstration of skills than just a grade-point performance.

"Employers are finding that students who are career-oriented in their extra-curricular and summer activities become productive much sooner than students without this additional experience.

And they seem to have a much better perspective as far as their personal goals," concluded Ryan.

parent's weekend organized

by Terry Talbott

Though still in its planning stage, Mary Washington's first Parents' Weekend is becoming a reality, and needs student volunteers for operation. Sponsored by the Inter-College Association, the Weekend is tentatively scheduled for April 6, 7 and 8.

Chris Kostek, who is heading student volunteers, said that though not all details are available yet, the general schedule for the Weekend is set. Registration will be held Friday and Saturday to allow for differences in parents' arrivals.

This is one area in which students are needed for assistance. Saturday night's major activity is a Casino, featuring various games to be supervised by volunteers. "We especially want guys to help with this," she said.

A babysitting service will be offered over the Weekend, and ICA plans to have a list of students available who can keep children. "There will probably be other little things we will need help with, too," she explained.

Chris describes the Weekend as a change for parents to see what goes on at the college. On Saturday, classroom buildings will be open, with students giving tours and demonstrations, such as in science and psychology labs.

Other campus groups are planning some type of activities for parents. Chris expressed the possibility that the drama students, dance company and music department would give some type of performance. "We hope each club will have something to show," she said. The Folklore Society has planned a program in the basement of Seacobeck for the Weekend.

Also, a special reception at Brompton is to be held. The ICA anticipates that most parents will be leaving Sunday, but special tours of Historic Fredericksburg are under consideration for those interested.

"We've sent letters to parents explaining the Weekend," Chris said, "and so far the responses have been enthusiastic." Any students interested in volunteering to help, or who wish more information, are urged to call her at extension 464.

recitals

The sixth in a series of Mary Washington College student recitals will be held on Monday, February 5, at 6:45 p.m., in the Klein Memorial Theater in duPont Hall on the school campus in Fredericksburg.

The seven recitals on the program include a piano solo by Kathy Park, organ solos by Judy Mayberry, Diane Stuart, and Barbara Taylor, and piano-voice duets with Laura Blevins-Suzanne Jesse and Barbara Taylor-Cynthia Stroud featured. There will also be a performance by a Wind Ensemble comprised of Barbara Baylis, Rebecca Reams, Lucinda Simpson, Vicky Scarborough, Carol Pappas, Kathy Park and Mr. James E. Baker.

Some of the pieces to be included in the program are: "Prelude in C Major" by Bach, Chanler's "The Children", and Schubert's "Die Forelle" and "Sonata in A Minor, Op. 143."

The recital is free and open to the public.

LETTERS

record given

To the Editor:

In deep appreciation and gratitude for my illustrious years at MWC, I wish to bequeath Helen Redding's record "I am Woman" to the majority group of the student body.

It is my intention that when this record is played in the "C" Shop, the majority group will be reinforced with those qualities of pride, power and potential inherent in every member of the female sex.

Beverly T. Rawlings
MWC graduate
December, 1972

sculpture criticized

To the editor:

We would like to comment on the letter that appeared in the January 29th issue of The Bullet concerning the sculpture in front of DuPont. We agree with Miss Grey and her friends in that the sculpture is out of place with the "Georgian" architecture of DuPont. We cannot appreciate its color and design in its present surroundings. Perhaps away from this area, it can be more fully appreciated by the student body.

Therefore we feel it should be moved to a more appropriate setting. If the majority of the student body agrees with us, will it be moved?

Brooke Smith
Leslie Roinson
Suzette Robertson
Nance Greenwood

To the Editor:

After the article in The Free Lance-Star, Wednesday, January 31, 1973, which covered our letter to The Bullet, we wish to clarify our position on the yellow sculpture in front of DuPont. As we previously stated in The Bullet, our opinion is: "... art is a matter of personal taste,

however we think the structure is out of character with the traditional architecture of our campus." We would like to see it moved, not necessarily removed from the campus. A suggestion has been raised to place it on the grassy area between Du Pont and Goolrick.

Pauline G. King, chairman of the art department, gave her opinion in The Free Lance-Star: "She said only an uneducated mind would say it was out of place." We are entitled to our opinion and furthermore, resent Miss King's unjustified remark.

As students as well as citizens we have the right to question what is displayed in a public place. In reference to our letter, Ellen Juul-Nielsen, the artist, was quoted in The Free Lance-Star as saying: "That's unfortunate that they feel that way, but it's going to stay." We feel that one student's opinion should not dominate over the equally valid opinions of other students!

Eileen Grey
Karen Gurvich
Danele Golubin
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editor replys

Dear editors,

I was amused and chagrined by the editorial in your January 22 issue. Amused because the problem of student interest in student newspapers seems to be shared by most college editors regardless of their location, population, institutional status or focus of study (business, law, liberal arts, etc.). I, too, have that problem. I sometimes (sometimes hell, I often) wonder if the function of a student newspaper is a valid one at all. What would really happen if they all suddenly ceased to exist? I, for one, would be out of a lucrative scholarship, but what would that matter to other than my mother? I have no answer, unfortunately. I was also chagrined because these media exist as a valid channel of public service-opinion, but are failing to live up to their purpose for various reasons. The effects are obvious. The reasons less so. Here, again, I have no answers. I just thought you might be (interested, happy, sad, disgusted-pick one) to know that someone, somewhere else shared your opinion and your problem. Incidentally, I read every issue you send.

Sincerely in Peace,
Edward Butler, Editor
Golden Gate Journal

pen pal

To the editor:

I am incarcerated in the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility for embezzlement, and I have very little contact with "free people." Your college is all women and maybe one of them would care to correspond with a very lonely guy.

I am 33 years old, 5'8½" tall and I weigh 160 lbs., with a fairly good build. I have brown eyes and brown hair, with a medium complexion.

If at all possible would you please print this in your newspaper? I will answer any and all the letters I receive without hesitation. Hopefully someone might wish to obtain a very sincere "Pen Pal."

Thank you for any consideration you may give me; it is truly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Jim Maple 120-095
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Lucasville, Ohio 45648

It is the belief of the newspaper staff that the name of the newspaper must reflect journalistic aims and principles rather than remain a relic of the past, one that we have often found limiting and unresponsive to our purposes in putting out the newspaper. Therefore, we have rejected the name "The Bullet" in favor of "Fifth Season".

We found "The Bullet" unsuitable for several reasons. Any relation between "Bullet" and journalism is doubtful. As editors of a college newspaper, we feel that the paper must serve two chief purposes:

1. It must give an accurate account of current college events.

2. It must also be a reflection of what we as students are thinking about the world outside the Mary Washington Community. We need not be isolated, and our interests in current issues are important to us.

Above all, the newspaper must consistently reflect timely attitudes and events. The name "Bullet" is associated with the historical aspect of Fredericksburg. It may have served its purpose for many years, but now, in a time when many of us strongly support gun control, the name "Bullet" has become an issue which we cannot overlook. In tampering with tradition we do not seek to impress our beliefs upon a newspaper's name which will hopefully last for many more years than we will be here to enjoy it; we wish to make the name of the newspaper one within which we can write freely and conscientiously.

"Fifth Season" symbolizes for us many aspects of journalism which we hope you will be continually reminded of in our paper. The "Fifth Season" cannot exist without the other four. The editorials and opinion sections of a newspaper cease to have value if the newspaper neglects its purpose as a reporter of pertinent facts. We cannot claim to be a newspaper if we fail to present news. Thus, "Fifth Season" encompasses both ingredients of a newspaper-fact and opinion, each clearly designated.

"Fifth Season" also expresses the future, but only in relation to the present. It goes beyond the normal, known world to explore, predict, and keep up with what our world is becoming. We feel that future staffs will find this name flexible and in harmony with whatever editorial policies they may wish to pursue, and also a reminder of their obligation to journalism to preserve the newspaper as a value source of news.

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EXAMS: OPTIONAL

exams not man

The returns of the Bullet Exam Poll on mandatory exams revealed an overwhelming student opinion against changing the policy of optional exams.

It should be noted, however, that polls were received from only 6.2 percent of the students and one percent of the faculty members. As no effort of random sampling was made, we caution the projection of these results to the campus as a whole. That 99 percent of the students poled are against mandatory exams does not mean that 99 percent of the campus holds the same opinion. We conclude that 6 percent of the students on campus were concerned enough to fill out and return the polls, but whether the great silent majority is against mandatory exams and too lazy to return the polls, or in favor of mandatory exams and too lazy to return the pools we cannot say.

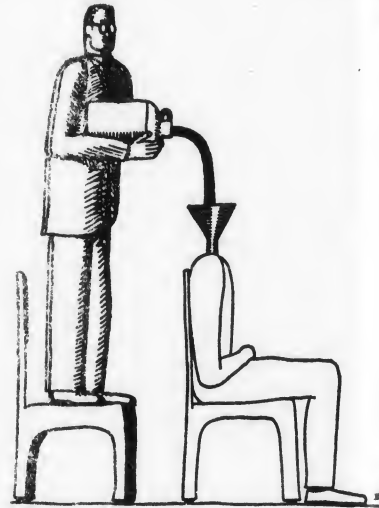
Polls were received from 134 students and two faculty members. One faculty member held that either exams or projects should be mandatory, and one student felt some of finishing project, paper or exam should be given but not necessarily during the exam week. The remaining polls answered that finals should not be made mandatory.

The reason most often cited against required exams was that such a decision should be left to the discretion of the individual professor; he knows what is best for his course and how it can best be taught. Some felt it showed a lack of trust in the teacher's judgement, and others said that the student and teacher should decide together on the necessity of a final exam. "The faculty should be able to do their job without imposed regulations initiated by the administration."

A second argument for optional finals was that many courses do not lend themselves to finals. Seminars, studio art courses, applied music, and mathematics were cited as examples. Student feel these courses are difficult to "sum up" in one final test or project. One student suggested a conclusion "orally through general discussion on the part of all the students" would be more applicable to a seminar course than a final would. Also, students felt they should be evaluated throughout the course, thereby making lack of grades an unacceptable reason for mandatory finals. Many cited P.E. courses and courses of less than three hours of credit as those that should be optional.

Some cited the nature of finals themselves as reason enough not to require

them. Alice Rabson called mandatory finals "educationally unsound" and feels that it should be at the discretion of each faculty member. Some students felt that exams were not as beneficial educationally,



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bullet exam poll results

question		freshman	sophmore	junior	senior	act
2. exams should be made mandatory?	yes	0	0	0	1	
	no	44	34	23	13	1
	qualified no	0	0	0	1	0
	total	44	34	23	15	2
3. optional exam policy taken advantage of?	yes	4	2	1	1	0
	no	34	27	17	9	1
	by some	6	4	5	4	1
	total	44	33	23	14	2
4. change in policy if academic standing of MWC jeopardized?	yes	32	30	14	9	
	no	5	5	7	4	
	total	37	35	22	13	
5. increase in class days with optional exams?	yes	27	31	17	11	
	no	16	2	2	3	
	total	43	33	19	14	

OR MANDATORY?

mandatory favored in poll

as they were an undue strain mentally and physically. One student wrote "An exam only proves what a student, or how well a student, can cram or memorize material." Many agree that it is not a fair measure of one's ability or capacity, and more tests throughout the semester would more accurately measure the student's abilities. he quantity of material in some courses gives non-cumulative exams a more favorable reaction. "Requiring exams is overstating their importance."

Some students felt exams should at least be kept optional for those whose average is 3.0 or better.

123 people answered the second question asking, whether or not the present policy was being abused by students or teachers. 9.7 answered "no," 9 "yes", and 17 said abuse occurred in a small minority. Again, most students gave the professors credit; "Where teachers felt a final exam was necessary they did not hesitate to give one." As for "early vacations", many students felt those who chose this route suffered themselves by rushing the last days of class or taking all their exams in a few days. No student cited feeling resentful of her fellow students' advantage of optional exams. Some students who answered "yes" stated that it was not enough to resort to required exams. Some said that the optional exam was even motivation to study throughout the semester to avoid the

exam. No one reported annoyance at being deprived of a final exam.

As for the last question, an increase in classroom hours rather than mandatory exams was favored, as a last resort in some cases: 80 "yes", 27 "no". Some students said they would rather increase classroom hours and take exams during these days as regular tests.

Other comments, "When many other colleges are reforming their exam policies to emulate the present MWC system, wouldn't you know MWC would be re-verting?" "I'm glad you sent this poll around. I hope the results are reviewed

carefully by the administration before their final voting session."

The issue of mandatory exams will be brought up at the next meeting of the faculty on February 14. Whether the issue will be brought to a vote depends upon the course of discussion, according to Dean Croushore.

Croushore cited several reasons why he favors mandatory exams. He reports some disparity between students, one resenting another's early vacations. Some project a test should be required, he says to wrap up the semester's work and leave no ends unfinished. The material learned in a semester, says Croushore, is "no good unless you can use it under pressure"

some student comments

"We go through enough now. A 14 week semester is longer than the average college."

"I feel that a final that covers the last part of the semester (after mid-term) is better."

"Many teachers made exams mandatory for those students with poor grades—other students, more or less, were rewarded for their good grades."

"Only when a student has three or less exams does she get to leave early, for with more than three she would kill herself studying."

"We are here to learn, and we should be given that choice not ordered."

"One doesn't learn from cramming, it just upsets a person."

"The final exam could ruin your average!"

"The college's academic standing is important, but keep in mind the increase in pressure on students."

"The policy of optional exams was taken advantage of by teachers... they all gave theirs regardless."

"The policy of optional exams was taken advantage of—as is any modern educational technique in a mainly conservative school—but how could it be taken advantage of with our WONDERFUL Honor System (cough)."

"I don't think the administration should interfere with the faculty and their teaching methods."

"Some teachers will persist in being old-fashioned just as some students will always be lazy."

"Mandatory exams are unnecessary, a test of the professor's integrity, and very immature."

"I think there was a small minority rather than a majority of students who did take advantage of final exams that were optional."

"A student may or may not attend class as she/he chooses. With mandatory exams and longer class hours, a trend could begin to cut classes as long as one passes the exam."

"I do not see what a final exam would accomplish—there is a perfect situation for a final conclusion instead, orally through general discussion on the part of all the students."

"I don't feel finals should be mandatory in all courses. I think it should be left up to the professor, he knows his course best."

"I think the ideal situation is two or three final tests in classtime and two or three exams in exam time—spread out."

"The desperation of the College in trying to return to outmoded practices marked a step backward and will result in the falling off of new enrollment."

"If a student is taking a course not in his area, he should have some say as to whether or not he has an exam."

"Teachers are intelligent enough to know if exams are necessary to the goals of the course."

"It doesn't bother me if someone leaves earlier than I. That's nice for them and I'm happy for them."

I feel that each student uses this to her own best interest whether to get out early or to lighten the load, I see nothing wrong in it—only good."

"Exams are the responsibility of the individual professor—if he lets himself be taken advantage of then it is his problem."

"When exams are mandatory students get too up tight."

"I had an adequate number of exams despite the option."

"It seems to me that exams are only given because the teacher doesn't have enough grades."

"I don't feel the exams are really beneficial to the student."

Pure memorization exams do not test your learning ability, but rather your memorization ability and are useless and unfair."

"I think final exams are good because they seem to put everything together."

"Certain courses don't need finals and it's ridiculous to require them."

"In my opinion, exams in general are a waste of time."

"Finals constitute a redundant wasteful effort."

"I believe that exams cause more harm than good and therefore making them mandatory is not a good idea."

"I do not feel that the majority of students are taking advantage of the present system."

its

faculty	not specified	total
	1	
1	14	
0	0	
2	15	133
0	0	
1	8	
1	3	
	11	127
	9	
	2	
	11	120
	6	
	5	
	11	122

dining hall committee considers changes

The ad hoc dining hall committee is presently considering alternatives to the system of waitresses and hostesses employed in Seacoack.

The committee has a list of the names of waitresses who presently work in the dining hall and is planning to poll them for their suggestions. One proposed change the committee is considering is the employment of students assistant hostesses. "We realized we would not be able to do away with them (hostesses) completely," said Karen Lebo, one dining hall committee member, "but we're trying to find out what the kids want done, and what they're willing to do."

Another problem faced by dining hall waitresses now is the difficulty in getting excused from working at meals they are assigned to work on. Substitutes, said Lebo are hard to get, and can be gotten only for breakfast and lunch since all waitresses work during dinner. A system of professional substitutes who would work in Seacoack only as substitutes was suggested, but committee members found that such a solution had been tried several years ago but was abandoned because the professional substitutes would seldom agree to substitute for full time waitresses.

Lisa Raimondi, a student presently working as a dining hall waitress, recently proposed to the committee that the opening and closing hours of the dining rooms be staggered at 15 minute intervals to relieve some of the congestion caused when many students come to eat at once. "I don't know how much

this will alleviate problems," commented Lebo, "since people often don't leave until 6:30, that would push the time for waitresses to get out back even further." She went to explain that this would affect help in the kitchen who must remain until all the dishes are washed. "We will bring it up at our next meeting," promised Lebo, "but it may get shot down with some arguments."

Connie Bowden, another member of the Ad Hoc Dining Hall Committee, pointed out that most of the complaints they have received this year have involved isolated incidents of "I found this in my food, they ran out of food."

"We have advised people to go right to the people working in the dining hall," said Lebo. Bowden agreed that in such instances a student should "Let someone on the committee or Mr. Parcell know right away so we can trace it back to the manufacturer and find out what's wrong. If a hostess says something unpleasant to you, mention it to Mr. Stack, Mr. Robinson, or Mr. Parcell."

Lebo said that students are within their rights to "give a cake to a friend, for example, as long as such privileges are not abused. I can easily see within the next three years how the dining hall could get in the red and an I.D. card system will have to be adopted." Lebo added, "students don't know what a good thing we've got now."

Bowden stressed that when the dining hall runs out of food "its not out of malice, sometimes they just

don't judge too well." She concluded, "I'm sure they were aware of their mistaken judgment last weekend when students were stacked up to the ceiling. Maybe two dining halls should be open as general policy on weekends."

Citing the soft drink machines, salad bar, and increased variety in food as signs of progress, Lebo said "a lot has been done." Bowden felt that "once we take care of student hostesses our major part is done," after which the committee would again be placed under the senate Student Welfare Committee. "We are open for suggestions of course, complaints we can do so much with."

Both Lebo and Bowden praised the administration committee members and dining hall staff members they had worked with for their helpfulness.

Senate

The Welfare Committee reported on the proposed student co-op. The committee is still looking into the possibilities. The senate would like to get the student body's response to the idea of a co-op and also what type of merchandise they would like to have. Please give opinions to your individual senators or call Lisa Raimondi extension 444.

The Welfare Committee is also working on getting a gynecologist to come to the infirmary. Mr. Houston questioned the need for a specialist. A study has been made which found that every school in Virginia has a gynecologist except Randolph-Macon Men's College and V.M.I.

Saturday, February 10 there will be a Blue Grass Festival in Seacoack Basement. Admission will be 50 cents with an I.D. and \$1.00 without. Beer will be served.

Wednesday, February 14 Russ Kitt, formerly of the "Blue Cheer," will be at MWC with a 10-piece band. Three disc jockeys from D.C. will also be here with 2,000 45 rpm's from the '50's. Admission is 50 cents, free beer.

Nominations for student body offices will be held on February 19 and elections will take place on February 28.

Three MWC representatives are needed for Glamour Magazine's College Contest. Nominations will be taken at the Senate meeting on Tuesday, February 6. The contest is based not just on beauty, but on extracurricular activities.

All Senate meetings are open—Tuesdays at 6:20, ACL 207.

riding for credit debated

With the retirement this year of Michael Kirschner, there is doubt whether Mary Washington College can continue to offer horseback riding for credit, and Hoofprints members fear their organization may be in jeopardy.

The question of riding for credit was prompted by Kirschner's retirement, said Dean Croushore, for the college has yet to find someone to replace him. "It's also a question of maintaining stables," Croushore said.

He feels it will be possible for students to continue riding for pleasure and on this basis, Hoofprints would remain a campus club. The college is presently considering affiliation with a stable about 30 minutes from here.

Hoofprints members are campaigning for the continuation of riding for credit. Petitions have been circulated, and parents of riding students were

requested by them to write letters to college officials concerned with the matter.

Sophomore Betty Beck, speaking for Hoofprints said, "Riding is a worthwhile occupation. We should have riding for credit. There are almost 50 kids taking riding and some courses on this campus have just 12 students."

Her father, who sent a letter to Vice-President Houston, received a reply stating that an unofficial decision to continue riding under a new system was being considered. "We just know," Betty said, "that official steps have been taken."

Though this may be Mary Washington College's last semester of credit riding, Betty expressed the group's concern that the historical tradition of Hoofprints could continue. However, as Croushore said, the physical education department is aware that without an instructor, credit riding will not continue.



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Mitchell gains in "For the Roses"

by Terry Talbott

Joni Mitchell "For the Roses" Asylum Records SD 5057

With the release of this, her fifth album, Joni Mitchell has shown the musical world that she has achieved that sense of musical grace and personal expression for which she has long labored. It also signals her affiliation with a new recording company, replacing Reprise Records.

In the beginning, Joni Mitchell was a timid little songstress who loved to decorate her album covers with her own artwork. Now she is on the cover, wearing boots and pants instead of her usual long dress, and the artwork is on the inner flap. And lo, this multiple-folding jacket even contains a shot of her in the nude, standing before some unnamed body of water.

This independence, really an assertion of herself as a woman, should bring joy to the ears of any Mitchell admirer. For too long she hid her soul in songs of Laurel Canyon and lonely seagulls. Now, spirited but still free, she can perform with her whole heart, and the results are as bright as silver, 25 in "You Turn Me on I'm a Radio."

For this album, Joni has added more instrumental accompaniment, especially with the help of other musician-friends. Graham Nash is credited with harmonica, though on which numbers one can't tell. And in "Blonde in the Bleachers," the Rock and Roll band is none other than Stephen Stills, who also appeared on her first album.

Let it be understood Joni has not changed her music, but simply brought it closer to perfection. She retains many traditional images, especially references to the sea as in "Banquet." There are still songs lamenting lost love, but with a new tone. No longer does the lady mourn in sorrow. She finds solitude quite to her liking.

In "Electricity," a number that metaphorically describes an ended affair, she admits: "I'm learning, it's peaceful with a good dog and some trees, out of touch with the breakdown of the century." And in the title song, her bitterness is aimed at some new star who dropped her on his rise to fame. "Remember the days when you used to sit and make up your tunes for love?"

Joni's overall technique is improved along with the quality of her compositions. On some previous albums,

she had the rather annoying habit of breaking her sentences into separate musical phrases, and consequently losing the meaning of the line. There were no evidences of this on "For the Roses." Occasionally, she still swallows key words, and the listener can't tell if she said what the printed verses show.

Noteworthy selections on this album are many. "Barangrill" is a light tune in which she creates her own mystery land endlessly sought by those with longings to fill. "Blonde in the Bleachers," tells how the roving life of R&R men affects their search for love and happiness in a most melodic way.

The most representative cut of the matured Joni Mitchell is "Woman of Heart and Mind." She knows her desires, strengths and how to use them to her benefit. This self-assurance has brought peace to Joni's soul, and it shows in the music.

Joni Mitchell is liberated, in the fullest meaning of the word. As she sings it, sit back and see just how beautiful a woman can be. Strong and free, she admits in "Let the Wind Carry Me:" "I get that strong longing and I want to settle and raise a child up with somebody. But it passes like the summer I'm a wild seed again, let the wind carry me." And so it shall.

Solisti DiZagreb

I Solisti Di Zagreb, a string ensemble with flute and harpsichord soloists, will appear in Fredericksburg at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, February 12, in George Washington Auditorium at Mary Washington College.

The group includes seven violins, two violas, two celli, and a double bass, along with the featured soloists.

The program will include both the "Suite in B Minor for Flute, Harpsichord and Strings" and "Concerto for Harpsichord and Strings in F Minor" by J. S. Bach, as well as the "Sextet for Strings" by Martinu, and "Roumanian Dances" by Bartok.

Tickets to this Mary Washington College Concert Series presentation will be available to the general public beginning Wednesday, February 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in the Office of Student Services, Room 204, Ann Carter Lee Hall. Tickets will be \$2.00 each.



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MARY WASH WONDERS

EQUAL SEX AMENDMENT: Anyone interested in signing a petition in favor of the constitutional amendment concerning the equality of sexes? See Cheryl Bezio in Russell Dorm. This petition will soon be brought to the attention of the Virginia legislature. Signatures are needed.

IS THIS A STUDENT BANK?: Mary Wash received a gripe in regard to the bank on campus. The student suggested that if the bank is for students, it should at least keep student hours. Now, Mary Wash knows she didn't mean closing hours, however...

Seems this individual is a student teacher. She teaches from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The bank's hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:30. She realized that she could cash checks on Friday from 4-7 p.m., but how about if she needed money on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

or Thursday?

Well, bank?

WHAT A REPLY!: Mary Wash last week stated that she didn't see why the dorms on this campus needed money, since all they seem to offer the students is the annual November Christmas parties.

An individual replied that if each girl in the dorms would only pay their dollar dues the dorms might be able to: 1) have \$20 worth of change constantly available; 2) provide dormitory cooking utensils; 3) buy vacuum cleaners that worked; 4) provide the rec-rooms with pool tables, dart-boards, etc.; and-or 5) have keg parties.

Forgive Mary Wash for her oversight. You certainly do have a point. Why, there's at least 200 girls in each

dorm... that's \$200 a year. Never thought of it in that light.

AND FROM THE CAMPUS FUNNIES: Although the following were found in my gripe box, they are more humorous than griping... I think.

"If there are to be male teachers on this campus, let them not be married... tell the guys on this campus to grow up and stop acting like big shots... whoever left a package of pot in the hall please come get it, it's almost gone..."

AND FROM THE NIGHT DETECTIVE: Whoever was dropped off in front of Jefferson Dorm on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 1:03 a.m. by a beige Volkswagon... please tell them not to throw bottles out in the road as they drive off their honking was quite enough.

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